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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

**TWENTIETH CONGRESS**  
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. **1148**



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Introduced by Representative **MARLYN L. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS**  
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**AN ACT**  
**DECLARING DIKET FALLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF UMINGAN,**  
**PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AS TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING**  
**FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The State shall protect the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature (Section 16, Article II, 1987 Constitution).

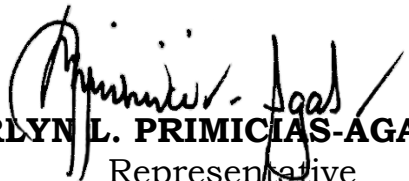
This bill seeks to declare the “Diket falls” as an ecotourism destination in the Municipality of Umingan, Province of Pangasinan.

The Diket Falls is a perfect spot for ecotourist. It is an approximately one-hour hike to thus waterfall which offers a good glimpse of the different sections of Caraballo Mountain Range. Hikers will naturally fall in love to the verdant forest park lined up with rocky riverbeds and small streams. Any person who loves ecotourism will be immersed in nature in a way that most people cannot enjoy in urban existence bringing with him an experience attached to a natural environment. At the end of the trail, hikers can enjoy a fresh dip into a wide pool of the Diket Falls or make an adventurous climb to the top of the waterfall through the roots of sturdy

tree covering a steep slope. Any visitors will be able to experience trail traveling to relatively undisturbed natural areas with the opportunity of being able to admire and enjoy a scenery detached from urban life.

With the development of the Diket Falls, the ecotourism industry of the Municipality of Umingan will be greatly enhanced.

Hence, the passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

  
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines  
in Congress assembled:*

**SECTION 1.** The Diket Falls in the municipality of Umingan, Province of Pangasinan is hereby declared tourist destination. As such, it shall be accorded with priority development by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourist destinations.

**SECTION 2.** The Department of tourism, in coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways, the local government unit of Umingan and other concerned agencies of the government shall, within six (6) months after the approval of this Act, prepare a development plan involving the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure as shall enhance tourism in the area; *Provided, That* said development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural resources of the area.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Tourism and its concerned attached agencies shall take immediate steps in implementing the tourism development plan that will suit the natural characteristic of Diket Falls and shall incorporate the same in its overall development plans and programs for national implementation.

**SECTION 4.** The Secretary of DOT shall include in the departments program the implementation of this Act. The amount needed for the initial implementation of this Act shall be appropriated from the funds of the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated. Thereafter the sum as maybe needed for the continued implementation, operation and maintenance of Diket Falls shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

**SECTION 5.** All laws, rules, regulations, proclamations, executive orders or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act, are hereby amended accordingly.

**SECTION 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*